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DEPARTMENT OF ORAL HEALTH PRACTICE NOTES

Dr. Bob Frazer, Interim Chair

DIVISION OF COMPREHENSIVE CARE

• DMD Student Clinic renovations continued throughout 2018 to complete updates to the second floor DMD Student Clinic.

• As part of being selected as a pilot institution for the American College of Prosthodontists (ACP) Digital Dentistry Curriculum, student dentists embraced digital workflows in the clinic to provide such treatments as same-day crowns. See page 18 for more details.

• Dr. Cheryl Pearson joined the division part-time to aid student dentists on the clinic floor.

DIVISION OF ENDODONTICS

• Faculty in the Department of Oral Health Practice have agreed that the department’s focus is on working toward creating an endodontic program, including recruiting a program director for the new offering.

DIVISION OF ORAL DIAGNOSIS, ORAL MEDICINE AND ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL RADIOLOGY

• Dr. David DeVito, a UKCD graduate, joined the college to serve as the co-director of the new Diagnosis, Wellness, & Prevention Clinic. Through the new clinic, DMD student dentists are able to work as part of an interprofessional team to care for patients interested in having their oral and overall health addressed in one visit. See page 6 for more details.

• Dr. Craig Miller received the James Little and Don Falace Award for Distinguished Service as a Scientific Reviewer from the Editorial Board of the Oral Medicine section of the journal Oral Surgery, Oral Medicine, Oral Pathology, Oral Radiology.

• Dr. Thamer Musbah has been named director of the Urgent Care Clinic. Additionally, Dr. Musbah passed the Diplomate examination for the American Board of Oral Medicine, which tests a candidate’s knowledge in the diagnosis and management of oral mucosal abnormalities, pharmacology, radiology, pathology, salivary gland disorders, temporomandibular disorders and facial pain.

DIVISION OF PERIODONTOLOGY

• Dr. Rodrigo Fuentealba has been promoted to associate professor. Dr. Dawson is a certified instructor for the Institute for Advanced Laser Dentistry and is offering the initial training to periodontal residents.

• Congratulations to Dr. Pinar Huja who has joined the University of South Carolina School of Dental Medicine.

• Dr. Luciana Shaddox, a heavily funded NIH researcher, joined the division to aid graduate students in fulfilling their research requirements mandated by the university, as well as aid with the graduate clinic.

• For additional program highlights, including details on new technology being utilized in the clinic, visit dentistry.uky.edu/periodontology.

DIVISION OF PROSTHODONTICS

• Dr. Rodrigo Fuentealba joined a handful of UKCD faculty who have been selected by the UK Alumni Association to receive UK’s prestigious Great Teacher Award.

• Dr. Ahmad Kutkut was named president of the Kentucky section of the American College of Prosthodontists and has worked to establish both an Interdisciplinary Study Club for specialists and a Prosthodontics Study Club for students and residents.

DIVISION OF RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY

• Dr. Elizangela Bertoli has been promoted to associate professor.

• Dr. Howard Roberts, a UKCD graduate, joined the college to serve as division chief, departing from his position of director of Graduate Dental Research at Keesler Air Force Base Air Force Postgraduate Dental School & Clinic. In September, Dr. Roberts will be attending the International Standards Organization meeting with the American Dental Association Standards Committee on Dental Products in Milan, Italy, where he will serve as the United States Expert in dental impression materials.
DEPARTMENT OF ORAL HEALTH SCIENCE NOTES
Dr. Ted Raybould, Interim Chair
• The department is focused on working toward updating the Turland clinic location to better support clinical and educational activities of graduate orthodontic care, pediatric dentistry, and the functional and aesthetic aspect for facial appearance.

DIVISION OF DENTISTRY
• The division is working with the Division of Pediatric Dentistry on plans for Kentucky Clinic renovations.

DIVISION OF ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY
• Dr. Ehab Shehata became a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and was also named faculty inductee in the Omicron Kappa Upsilon Chapter at the UK College of Dentistry.

DIVISION OF ORAL PATHOLOGY
• Dr. Joseph Van Sickels was awarded the 2017 William J. Gies Foundation Award for excellence in education at the AAOMS Annual Meeting.

DIVISION OF ORAL SURGERY
• Dr. Mittal Patel is working as the interim director of the UK Dentistry West Clinic, located in Benton, following the departure of Dr. Dustin Hall.

DIVISION OF ORTHODONTICS
• Dr. Mohamed Bazina joined the college, most recently from Case Western Reserve University, as assistant professor. Dr. Bazina is a board certified orthodontist and recently completed a CODA Accredited Craniofacial Fellowship.
• Dr. Cristina Perez was named division chief.

DIVISION OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY
• The college wishes Dr. David Nash, former dean of the college, a fond farewell as he departs for retirement. Read more on page 8.

DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH DENTISTRY
• Dr. Dan Marsh is working as the interim director of the UK Dentistry West Clinic, located in Benton, following the departure of Dr. Dustin Hall.
• Dr. Nancy Rigdon joined the Dan Martin Clinic in Madisonville, serving in a faculty position.

OTHER UKCD NOTES
• Dr. Kenneth Nusbacher was named director of Institutional Effectiveness for the college. In this role, he will review efforts to establish baseline metrics and collect data regularly to ensure the college is meeting and exceeding various standards related to accreditation and noted in the college’s strategic plan.

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INTERPROFESSIONAL CLINIC OPENS

The Diagnosis, Wellness and Prevention Clinic, located in the Dental Science Building, allows patients to seek care for both their oral and overall health needs in a single location. The clinic is led by a team of interprofessional clinician educators, including Drs. Craig Miller, David DeVito, and Angie Grubbs.

The clinic assists patients in achieving their overall health goals through awareness, education, prevention, and implementation of healthy behaviors. In this unique interprofessional setting, faculty and student dentists integrate initial patient care with health assessment, oral diagnosis and medicine, as well as wellness concepts, behavioral medicine, urgent dental care, and public health policy.

“For student dentists, this is an opportunity to learn more about the interaction between oral and systemic health and the important role student dentists have as health care providers and communicators to their patients,” shares DeVito, co-director of the clinic.

Nurse practitioner Grubbs plays an integral role in the expanded capabilities of the clinic. Grubbs works closely with faculty and student dentists to assist in initial assessment, treatment planning, and coordination of behavioral health care.

One of the most distinct features of the clinic is the ability to provide point-of-care testing for patients, diagnostic testing performed at or near the time and place of patient care, in the clinic’s CLIA-waved laboratory space. Such testing leads to improved efficiencies and productivity when diagnosing a condition or monitoring a treatment response.
THE PAST CHALLENGES THE FUTURE

Thank you for your many years of service to the college.

Dr. David Nash served as the College of Dentistry’s fifth dean between 1987 and 1997. A native of Grayson, Ky., he has the distinction of being the first University of Kentucky College of Dentistry graduate to hold the role of dean within the college. Following his term as dean, Dr. Nash continued his work at UKCD in the Division of Pediatric Dentistry until his retirement in June of 2018.

In the September 1987 issue of Perspectives magazine, Dr. Nash discusses how “The Past Challenges the Future,” a concept that is no less true today as the college continues to push forward as it strives to be the No. 1 College of Dentistry.

Our QUEST TO BE...a college of distinction

This academic year marks the Silver Anniversary of the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry. In the Autumn of 1962, under the guidance of a distinguished group of founding faculty, our college was brought into existence. The accomplishments of the college in its brief 25 years are unparalleled in dental education. From its beginning, the college has been acknowledged nationally and internationally as a college of distinction. Its hallmark has been a spirit of innovation...never satisfied with simply following, but leading the profession of dentistry into its rapidly changing future. The goal of this attitude has always been to ensure that the college is faithful to its purpose of benefiting the oral health of society through programs of education, patient care, research, and public service. As we reflect on our distinguished heritage, we are challenged by a rich tradition of excellence.

IN OUR QUEST TO BE...THE PAST CHALLENGES THE FUTURE!

UKCD COLLEGE RESEARCH DAY RESULTS

UKCD held its College Research Day in conjunction with the 13th Annual CCTS Spring Conference. Below is a listing of outcomes for UKCD posters.

UKCD GRADUATE STUDENT/RESIDENT/EXTERN

CLINICAL TRANSLATIONAL/BASIC RESEARCH CATEGORY

Judges: Drs. Robert Danaher and Rebecca Peyyala

• First: Brittany Camenisch; Periodontics (Mentor: Dr. Octavio Gonzalez) “Phospholipase A2-IIA Expression Levels Associated with Oral Health, Gingivitis, and Periodontitis”
• Second: Steven Litwin; Periodontics (Mentor: Dr. Dolph Dawson) “Bacterial Profiles of Newly placed Implants in Patients following Periodontal Treatment”
• Third: Katie Gibson; Orthodontics (Mentor: Dr. Lorri Morford) “Genetic Association Analysis of Novel Markers on Chromosome 17 with Dental Agenesis”

CASE REPORTS/LITERATURE REVIEW CATEGORY

Judges: Drs. Robert Kovark and Richard Mitchell

• First: Divakar Karanth, Jeryn Jacob and Carli Loss; Orthodontics (Mentor: Dr. Lina Sharab) “Expedited Orthodontic Tooth Movement Modalities”
• Second: Kayla Newton; Pediatric Dentistry (Mentor: Dr. Cristina Perez) “Restorability of Primary Teeth with SDF on Deep Carious Lesions”
• Third: Alexander Krisko; Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (Mentor: Dr. Melvin Yeoh) “Total Joint Replacement for Proliferative Synovitis: A Case Report”

DMD STUDENT RESEARCH

CASE REPORTS/LITERATURE REVIEW CATEGORY

Judges: Drs. Jim Hartsfield and Howard Roberts

• First: Aneesha Reddy DS3 (Mentor: Dr. Cristina Perez) “The implication of orally administered Erythritol to patients with Early Childhood Caries following full mouth dental rehabilitation (FMHDR)”
• Second: Dan Ritchey DS3 and Erin Pilling DS2 (Mentor: Dr. Dolph Dawson) “Periodontitis correlations to Societal Disadvantages: A retrospective analysis”
• Third: Dave Jensen DS3 (Mentor: Dr. Octavio Gonzalez) “Gingival Expression of Neuropeptides during periodontal disease in Non-Human Primates”

CASE REPORTS/LITERATURE REVIEW

Judges: Drs. Dolph Dawson and Ron Bruntz

• First: Karah Brown DS4 (Mentor: Dr. Ahmad Kutkut) “Full Mouth Implant-retained Prostheses for a Patient with Marfan Syndrome”
• Second: John Ledford DS4 (Mentor: Dr. Steven Tucker) “3D Printed Tooth Supported Surgical Guide for Multiple Implant Placements: A Case Report”
• Third: Joseph Parker DS3 (Mentor: Dr. Ahmad Kutkut) “Peri-Implantitis: Etiology, Treatment Modality, and Clinical Case report”

VON ALLMEN CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP

“1-MINUTE PITCH YOUR POSTER”

UKCD had four entries in the second year for this activity at the CCTS Conference

• First: Dave Jensen DS3 (Mentor: Dr. Octavio Gonzalez) “Gingival Expression of Neuropeptides during periodontal disease in Non-Human Primates”
HELPING TO BRIDGE THE FINANCIAL GAP

UKCD continues to attract some of the brightest students applying to dental school. Many joining the college today, like those before them, still face a significant challenge—the expense of dental school. The average indebtedness for Class of 2018 graduates was $243,223, including any undergraduate loans. During 2017-2018, 85 percent of students received some type of financial aid. Financial burden not only prevents students from enrolling at UKCD initially, but also limits their choices following dental school as they consider the additional costs of continuing their education to become a specialist or taking a loan to start their own private practice.

Scholarships can ease the financial burden of UKCD students. During 2017-2018, several new scholarships were established, including the following which will be awarded during the 2018-2019 academic year.

Dean Stephanos Kyrkanides and Dr. Sabine Brouxhan Scholarship will recognize the student with the highest Dental Admission Test (DAT) score and GPA rankings entering the first-year DMD class, starting in Aug. 2018.

Dr. Robert H. Spedding, a long-time faculty member in pediatric dentistry at UKCD, will be honored through a scholarship in his name. The Dr. Robert H. Spedding Scholarship will be awarded to a rising fourth-year who has applied for pediatric dentistry residency at UKCD and has an outstanding record of public service. Dr. Jackie Banahan (’79 and ’81 Pediatric Dentistry) established this endowed scholarship to honor Dr. Spedding’s legacy at the school. Others wishing to remember Dr. Spedding, and his impact on students, may also donate to this endowment.

Dr. Leslie Horn (91 and Peno ’93, pictured at right) has enhanced an endowed scholarship that she created many years ago to create the Tribute Endowed Scholarship. This scholarship goes to an incoming student who is a Kentucky resident, considered non-traditional, and has financial need. The unique part of this scholarship is that if anyone wishes to honor another person, they can donate to this endowed scholarship and the honoree will be recognized as designated for that level.

As noted in last year’s Perspectives, the Class of 2003 has endowed the Joshua T. Sullivan Scholarship. Josh “Sully” Sullivan completed the DMD program in 2003, GPR in 2004 and Pediatric Dentistry in 2009. After establishing a pediatric practice in Georgia, he passed away unexpectedly in November 2014. The Josh T Sullivan Scholarship will go to a first-year student from Lexington or southern Georgia, or whose undergraduate degree is from Georgetown College. The recipient will also exhibit the characteristics of Sully: a kind person who has a passion for dentistry and likes animals, outdoor activities, sports, and children.

Additional endowments for scholarships were created in 2017 and will be awarded in the future including:

Dr. Michael S. Vetter (’98) and Cynthia “Cindy” J. Rattliff-Vetter (’97) from Gainesville, Georgia, have established an endowed scholarship in the name of Dr. Rattliff’s mother, The Linda Looney (Rattliff) Memorial Scholarship, for an incoming DMD student from Eastern Kentucky who has financial need.

Dr. Betty Barr (74 and 76 Pediatric Dentistry) and Don Kleeer (70) have endowed their previously announced scholarships. The Dr. Vincent A Barr Student Development Scholarship is for Kentucky DMD students who have financial need, with a preference for students who contribute to the diversity of the student population. The final scholarship is the Dr. Milton Gellin Scholarship to be awarded to Kentucky DMD third- or fourth-year students with above-average leadership and communication skills with patients and families.

Dr. John and Shera Nowcomb (’05) of Corbin made an initial pledge to create an endowment to support the College of Dentistry Scholarship. This scholarship has been supported annually by alumni through solicitation phone calls and letters from the University. This endowment will ensure that the scholarship will have consistent support each year. Additional support for the creation of this endowment will be sought.

THE LASTING IMPACT OF FACULTY

UKCD faculty are key to shaping the educational experience of students so staying up to date on evolving dental techniques and new state-of-the-art technology is key. Dr. Pil Han (’10), who practices in San Francisco, CA, recognizes the importance of faculty members gaining knowledge to share with students, which is why he established the Pil Han and Family Faculty Development Award to help enable faculty to attend educational experiences with the potential to enhance the college’s curriculum.

Dr. Hiroko Nagaoka received the first award and plans to attend national meetings to further develop the college’s Cariology curriculum and Caries Management by Risk Assessment (CAMBRA) implementation.

“My parents have always instilled in me the importance of gratitude, and I am eternally grateful for the mentorship and the education I received at UK. By setting up the Pil Han and Family Faculty Development Award, it will help provide faculty the resources to continue their excellence in their own academic field, and pass on knowledge to the students,” shares Dr. Han.
COLLEGE NEWS

CELEBRATING WITH A GOAL

Last year marked a significant milestone for both the Class of 1967 and 1982. The Class of ‘67 commemorated 50 years since their graduation from UKCD, while the Class of ‘82 observed their 35th anniversary. Both groups wished to recognize their milestones with a class fundraising effort.

The Class of ‘67 continued their efforts, including sending a special mailing to classmates explaining ways to give, toward fully endowing the Class of ‘67 Memorial Fund, a fund established at the group’s 40th anniversary. The Memorial Fund provides a scholarship for a student dentist who exemplifies the college’s beliefs of being technically capable, biologically oriented, and socially sensitive. The class was able to raise $30,683 for the fund through their efforts, moving the fund closer to being able to sustain the current scholarship award amount. Continued support of this endowment ensures that a fundamental philosophy of the school, which guided many of the Class of ‘67 throughout their careers, will continue to be recognized as an integral part of UKCD.

A group of classmates in the Class of ‘82 decided to build on their support of an endowment they created in 1989 to honor the memory of a fellow classmate and Kentucky’s first female oral surgeon, Dr. Sharon Butler. Their goal was to increase the endowment to $100,000 to support a more substantial scholarship award and better impact the financial burden of students who receive the award. Classmates, with help from the Butler family, raised a total of $49,555 in gifts and pledges, bringing the endowment to over $100,000. Rising fourth-year student dentists who are academically superior, demonstrate outstanding clinical skills, and are significantly involved in student and community life, will greatly benefit from these efforts.

Thank you to these classes for sharing their celebrations with current and future student recipients of these scholarships.

COLLABORATION TO IMPROVE KENTUCKY’S ORAL HEALTH

The College of Dentistry has received two gifts from the Delta Dental of Kentucky Foundation to help aid the oral health of Kentuckians. The first gift provides support for the Little Smiles Fund, helping to provide comprehensive dental services to Kentucky’s underserved children. The college works with local organizations to provide dental care to children who do not currently have access to a dental provider/lack a dental home.

The second gift supports a pilot project underway in collaboration with Health First Bluegrass Clinic. The Eliminate Dental Caries in Kentucky project pairs xylitol use with maternal oral health education to immigrant expectant mothers to examine the potential impact on the prevalence of cavities in the state. Xylitol, a five-carbon sugar polyol, appears to have promising results in reducing dental caries disease and reversing the onset of early caries. The funding providing by Delta Dental will support Phase 1 of the project.

“Delta Dental is proud to partner with UKCD on the Little Smiles Fund and Eliminate Caries pilot project. As a not-for-profit dental insurer, we are committed to improving the oral health of Kentucky and appreciate all the great work that UKCD is doing in the oral health arena. Delta Dental is excited to continue this partnership and support UKCD’s future efforts,” said Laura Wince, Marketing Manager for Delta Dental of Ky.

MORTENSON DENTAL PARTNERS SUPPORTS STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Dr. Wayne Mortenson, CEO of Mortenson Dental Partners, has strived throughout his life to blend the best of the past with the improvements of today, while being prepared to embrace future advancements. This goal has guided him as he built Mortenson Dental Partners, and he has seen the same philosophy reflected in UKCD students.

“The students coming out of the dental school have solid foundations in traditional dentistry and current best practices. They’re also being exposed to new technology, helping to prepare them for future growth in digital dentistry use, which is exactly what Dean Kyranides envisions—preparing students to be dentists both today and in the future. If our scholarships can help a student to complete the program and enter the field of dentistry with this knowledge and experience, we are glad to assist them as we will all benefit from their addition to the field of dentistry,” stated Dr. Mortenson.

Mortenson Dental Partners has established a scholarship that provides up to 13 annual awards for students who are rising fourth-year students; Demonstrate excellent clinical skills and patient interactions; and Display a professional demeanor and behavior. Eleven awards are reserved for Kentucky residents.
Since the news in last year’s issue of Perspectives of UKCD’s selection as one of five dental institutions to pilot a new digital curriculum created via efforts of the American College of Prosthodontics (ACP), the college has made tremendous strides in introducing DMD student dentists to digital dentistry. Moving forward, incoming classes will benefit from the introduction of digital tools starting their very first semester and have the ability to refine their skills in subsequent semesters in order to confidently utilize digital options while providing patient care following graduation.

Before students could get started, a variety of details were addressed including faculty and staff readiness to implement digital training and workflows in the DMD program, facility adjustments, and acquiring necessary software and equipment. Even without the benefit of exposure to hands-on digital training in their first and second years of dental school, before summer break, third-year and fourth-year students were able to utilize digital tools and planning in a variety of cases in the DMD Student Clinic to date, including providing patients with same-day single crowns and helping place dental implants utilizing digitally designed, 3D printed surgical guides.

John-Morgan Correll, class of 2019, says that gaining experience with digital systems is an advantage that will place him ahead of the curve upon graduation. “Digital won’t be a foreign concept. I will have an understanding of not only how it works, but how it is done,” he said. “I plan to use this knowledge in private practice. If a practice I am interested in joining has already implemented digital dentistry, I can be confident stepping in right out of school.”

After working as part of a team to complete a guided surgery dental implant case, Dr. Al Pervanvera, class of 2018, shared, “Being a part of this entire treatment process from planning to the actual surgery day has been one of the best learning opportunities that I have had at UKCD. I had pieces of knowledge that I had gathered from lecture… but being hands-on and a part of it allowed me to put the pieces together and make sense of it all.”

Starting with this fall, first-years will receive initial training on intraoral scanning in order to incorporate scanning into their tooth anatomy and waxing course. With this in place, students will be introduced to the Romexis Compare® software tool, which provides student dentists a self-evaluation option to review how closely their work matches a provided standard. The Compare® software aids the learning process by eliminating subjectivity, allowing for instant feedback, and providing students with more opportunities to assess their work independently should they desire more practice. Moving on to their second year, students will scan crown preparations on their dentoforms, also using the Compare® software to review how closely their work meets a provided crown preparation standard. Additionally, they will be introduced to chairside CAD software, such as DentalWings, to learn how to design single crowns. Third-years will continue to refine scanning skills in pre-clinical courses and will utilize intraoral scanners in a clinical setting. Student dentists will also be exposed to virtually planning and placing dental implants via a surgical guide, utilizing software such as coDiagnostiX, with the help of technicians and dental specialists. By their final year, students will be ready to review their patients’ needs and apply their training and technologies as appropriate.

Speaking on the college’s introduction to digital tools and techniques to compliment traditional methods, Dr. Richard Windhorn, UKCD Division Chief of Prosthodontics, shares, “Training our DMD students in new digital technology will prepare them for how dentistry will be practiced in the near future. It is paramount that they are equipped with knowledge of the latest practices, techniques and materials when they graduate. The bottom line is that they will be trained to deliver the best possible dental care for their patients in the most efficient manner.”
WHAT ARE THEY DOING NOW?

Before graduating in 2017, Drs. Joe Blalock and John Wesley Halliburton worked with several others at UKCD to create and co-host the Life and Dentistry Podcast. A year-plus following graduation, both continue to be involved in the effort in addition to working in private practice in Cookeville, Tenn., with Blalock at Maple Leaf Dentistry and Halliburton a co-owner of Hometown Family Dentistry.

Reflecting on balancing the demands of dental school with co-hosting a podcast, Halliburton shares, “In the beginning it was a little difficult with just trying to get it started and off the ground running, but once we all had a rhythm with it, things were a whole lot more streamlined, and didn’t take up as much time. It is just like a lot of things in life, once you get a routine down, things get much simpler.”

Blalock shares that the podcast allowed the group to experience “opportunities that never would have been possible otherwise... meeting other dentists from across the country... opportunities to continue my education and make connections with like-minded people.” Being able to make a positive impact on others and creating value for their audience are also important to Blalock.

Earlier this year, Dr. Harold Haering ('81) was appointed Dean of the Midwestern University College of Dental Medicine-Illinois. In addition to working in private practice for 27 years, between graduating from UKCD and serving in his new role as dean, Haering has served in a number of roles including several positions on the Florida Board of Dentistry from 2000 to 2004, as well as serving on the American Dental Association Council on Access, Prevention and Professional Relations and Council on Education and Licensure.

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DRS. HOWARD & NERO
RECEIVE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

The University of Kentucky College of Dentistry Alumni Association awarded the 2017 Distinguished Alumni of the Year Award to Dr. Fred Howard ('82) and Dr. Ben Nero ('67) during last year’s Fall Symposium and Alumni Weekend.

The Distinguished Alumni of the Year Award was established to honor alumni of UKCD who exhibit loyalty to the college and excellence and merit in his or her field of our profession of dentistry. The committee also looks for someone who exhibits community leadership and someone who makes both the college and the profession proud.

Congratulations to Drs. Howard and Nero on this well-deserved award.
ANNUAL FALL SYMPOSIUM AND ALUMNI WEEKEND 2017

CELEBRATING AND REMINISCING WITH FELLOW ALUMNI, FORMER AND CURRENT FACULTY, STAFF, STUDENTS, AND FRIENDS.

From Left: Carol Bolden ('89) and Carrie Brown.

From Left: Len Morrow, Jack Frick and Andy Collins from the Class of 1967 catch up during the Saturday morning Open House and College Tour.

From Left: Charlie Thomas ('77) and Paul Fraysure ('77).

From Left: Audrey Kinder ('18) and Rob Wertke ('18) received the UKCD Alumni Association Scholarship at the Symposium.

UK College of Dentistry students gave tours of our newly renovated clinics during an Open House.

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ANNUAL BARRELS & KEGS TASTING AND SILENT AUCTION

The UK College of Dentistry Alumni Association held the annual Barrels & Kegs and Silent Auction fundraiser on February 9, 2018, at the Hilton Lexington Downtown. This annual event raises money to help fund the UKCD Alumni Association Scholarship, which is awarded annually to a fourth-year dental student, and for student and alumni events and programs.

Thank you to our kind sponsors: Kentucky Center for Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery (Silver), Pediatric Dentistry of Hamburg (Bronze), and Roberts Insurance & Investments (Bronze). Additionally, thank you to the many groups who provided tastings: Alltech/Kentucky Ale, Barrel House Distilling Co., Buffalo Trace, Country Boy Brewing, Four Roses Distillery, Heaven Hill, Pivot Brewing, West Sixth, and Wilderness Trail Distillery.

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UK DENTISTRY STUDENT, ALUMNA HONORED WITH LYMAN T. JOHNSON AWARDS

Distinguished University of Kentucky students and alumni were honored with the Torch of Excellence and Torch Bearer awards at the 27th annual Lyman T. Johnson Upholding the Torch of Excellence awards ceremony. Among those recognized were College of Dentistry alumna Dr. Tonda Helton (’07), and Dr. Whitney White (’18).

Throughout her career, Dr. Helton has delivered compassionate care to underserved populations from both rural and urban areas. Her personal mission is to educate her patients — both young and old — to improve their dental literacy.

During her time at UKCD, Dr. White served as the president for the Student National Dental Association and the advertising chair for the American Association of Public Health Dentistry. She frequently volunteered at Mission Lexington, a clinic that provides healthcare free of charge to adults in Lexington. Following graduation, she plans to continue giving back to underserved minority communities and mentoring pre-dental students.
IN MEMORIAM

**68**
**DR. WILLIAM FUNK**  
October 2, 2017

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**DR. DOUGLAS C. WALLACE**  
September 2, 2015

**69**
**DR. JAMES C. WILSON**  
January 4, 2016

**72**
**DR. HUBERT A. HENKLE**  
April 27, 2018

**83**
**DR. ALAN T. SHELTON**  
May 4, 2018

**89**
**DR. JAMES HOLT**  
March 27, 2017

**93**
**DR. ERIC DIXON**  
August 20, 2018

**02**
**DR. KYLE STEWART**  
November 12, 2017

FACULTY

**DR. MERRILL PACKER**  
Former Dean  
March 8, 2018

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SWINGING IN THE SUN—
A GREAT DAY FOR GOLF

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The UKCD Alumni Board would like to thank everyone who attended the 2017 Annual UKCD Alumni Association Golf Tournament and our many kind sponsors:

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- Knight, Wahle & Chalothorn
- Pediatric Dentistry of Hamburg/Dr. Michael Day
- Roberts Insurance & Investments
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Above: From left, Aaron Stanley (’14) and Carson Kealy (’14).
Top left: From left, from the Class of 2021, Alyssa Domico, Danielle Pickinpaugh, Craig Palumbo and Kasey Lammrich.
Middle: From left, from the Class of 2019, Austin Delpont, Dalton Hampton, Turner O’Brian and Seth Childers.
Bottom: From left, Rick Windhorn (’83), Hiroko Nagaoka, Robert Foote (’78) and Hideaki Nagaoka (’18 OFP).
LESSONS IN A LUNCHBOX & IMPRESSIONS DAY

The Student National Dental Association (SNDA) Chapter at UK hosted Lessons in a Lunchbox at Breckenridge Elementary in Lexington. During the program, DMD students spoke with second- and third-grade students about oral hygiene. Children received their own lunchbox filled with oral hygiene supplies to take home.

Next SNDA turned their attention to possible future dentists by hosting Impressions Day at UKCD. Current DMD students and UKCD admissions representatives and faculty welcomed high school students and undergrads for a day of hands-on activities in the pre-clinic lab, mock interviews, and discussion on the dental school admissions process.

One thing is for sure; dental school is full of challenges and requires student dentists to manage their time well. Even with the many demands our students juggle, supporting our community remains an important priority. By helping to expose students to diverse outreach and service learning opportunities, UKCD seeks to foster an awareness of access to care issues in students, while allowing them to develop an altruistic, professional aspiration for volunteerism and social responsibility.
WHERE THERE’S A WILL, THERE’S A WAY.

Ready to make a difference? Contact UK College of Dentistry at linda.epling@uky.edu or 859.323.6918 to learn more about charitable gift planning. Visit uky.edu/philanthropy for a free estate and gift planning guide.

Be it providing dental-related support by fundraising to aid the Lexington Mission Dental Clinic to holding sewing sessions to support Days for Girls, UKCD student dentists stay busy volunteering throughout the year! Here’s just a few highlights of their many activities:

**S.M.I.L.E WEEK**

"THE JOY THAT EXISTS THERE IS CONTAGIOUS!"

To aid in onboarding incoming first-year DMD students and help familiarize them with the resources they need to succeed both inside and outside the classroom, last year UKCD introduced S.M.I.L.E Week — Students Matriculating Into the Learning Experience. As part of this experience, students had the option to participate in a service project in the greater Lexington community. Students supported the Hope Center by working in the community garden, visited the American Cancer Society Hope Lodge, helped to socialize animals at the Lexington Humane Society, supported Habitat for Humanity by working at the ReStore location, and baked treats for patients and their families at the Ronald McDonald House.

Danielle Pikinpaugh, Class of 2021, described volunteering at the Hope Lodge as an eye-opening experience. "Just 30 seconds walking distance from the football stadium, I would have never known that a peaceful, hopeful home existed for those undergoing treatment for cancer. I cannot wait to go back and serve again. The joy that exists there is contagious!"

**SATURDAY MORNING CLINICS**

Created by student dentists over four decades ago as an opportunity to promote oral health and awareness while giving back to the community, the Saturday Morning Clinic (SMC) continues to offer low-cost dental care, including cleanings, fluoride treatments, sealants and restorative procedures, to children ages four to 12. During the 2017-2018 school year, students were able to schedule more frequent SMC’s to better serve the community’s needs.

When asked about SMC, Morgan Murrell, Class of 2018, explained, "Children pose unique challenges when providing dental treatment. However, the reward of restoring a tiny smile or getting a child out of pain so they were able to return to school made me realize my passion for pediatrics." Murrell will be starting a Pediatric Dentistry Residency at the University of Kentucky in fall 2018.

**REMOTE AREA MEDICAL (RAM) CLINIC**

In June, DMD students joined UKCD faculty and University of Kentucky Professional Education Preparation Program (PEPP) students to volunteer in Hazard, Ky at a Remote Area Medical (RAM) Clinic. At the clinic, students worked with other health care providers to offer free medical services to some 500 underserved and uninsured individuals.

Dr. Ted Raybould, interim chair of the Department of Oral Health Science, shares, "The RAM event was a very rewarding experience for not only the students, but also for Dr. Bob Frazer and I as well as we oversaw the students’ efforts. We were proud of our students as they did an amazing job stepping up to the challenge of working in a very different setting from dental school. This event offered another opportunity for our students to experience the intangible gratification of helping people and learning that in volunteering one often benefits as much as they serve."
STUDENT NEWS

From Left: Ayman Haroun, Ryan Kinn and Ethan Khazali

FUTURE PLANS See what our grads plan to do at dentistry.uky.edu/class2018

Class 2018: Congratulations to everyone in the Dentistry Class of 2018.

From Left: Bethany Burton, Alyssa Biggerstaff, Andrea Griggs and Morgan Murrell.

Logan Cash being hooded by his parents.
At the annual UKCD vs. ULSD football game, the women’s team brought home a third consecutive win as they shutout ULSD in a 6-0 victory. The men’s team beat ULSD for the first time in ten years, ending the game with a 25-6 win.

Class of 2018 celebration dinner made possible by the support of Dr. Fred Arnold, Early Years Orthodontics, Kentucky Dental Association, Roberts Insurance and Investment, Dr. Neil Rush and the US Army.

Class of 2021 students volunteered at various organizations throughout Lexington during Smile Week, giving them the opportunity to serve their community and connect with one another before the start of the semester.

Students take a moment to share where they are from at a map pinning party.

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Class of 2021 students at white coat fitting.

At Left: Omicron Kappa Upsilon Chapter at the UK College of Dentistry. From left, John Ledford, Alexandra Arnold, Alex Klusemer, Lucy Zhang, Cailynn West, Karah Brown and Emily Knott.

At Right: Dalton Hampton, recognized as the ASDA District 7 Delegate of the Year.

Hinman Dental Society scholarship recipients Austin Delpont (’19), on left, with Nash Laungani (’19), on right, with Hinman Trustee Dr. Eddie Pafford.

The Student National Dental Association (SNDA) at UK held a meet and greet with the Kentucky Dental Society and the SNDA chapter of UofL, joined by UKCD grad Dr. Benjamin Nero.

Photo courtesy of Jamila Medry.
A dinner was hosted by the UK College of Dentistry for all 2017-2018 scholarship recipients and donors in May. Each year, student dentists benefit from the generosity of alumni and their families, friends, and supporters. This year’s scholarship recipients are:

**DR. VINCENT A. BARR STUDENT DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP**

Joshua Thomas ('22) & Fatima Saeed ('22)

**LYMAN T. JOHNSON FELLOWSHIP**

Hamah Mahmood ('22), Lauren Viera ('22), and Catherine Wright ('19)

**MORTENSON DENTAL PARTNERS SCHOLARSHIP – CLASS OF 2018**

Alexandra Arnold, Claire Brown, Karash Brown, Cy Clarke, Ryan Kinn, Alex Klumpert, Ali Leinonen, Zahaia Munir, Morgan Murrell, Wendy Peterson, Nate Reuter, Shelby Sheer, and Kethlyn Wade

**MORTENSON DENTAL PARTNERS SCHOLARSHIP – CLASS OF 2019**

Austin Depoort, Brian Glatt, Daniel Hill, Dalton Hampton, Alexander Hernandez, Marc Lester, Alvis Marcur, Savenous Peppers, Whitney Preston, Holly Ramsey, Arabi Sarver, Sam Thompson, and Ellen White

**NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORP SCHOLARSHIP**

Brad Carrell ('20), Tyler Miser ('20), William Powell ('20), Lauren Viera ('21), and Kyle White ('21)

**PIERRE FAUCHARD LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP**

Nathan Laungani ('19)

**SHARON K. BUTLER, DMD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Malaya Kor ('19)

**RESEARCH TRACK SCHOLARSHIP**

Dave Jensen ('19), Nathan Laungani ('19), Andrew Pan ('19), Li Peng ('20), and Robert Ramsey ('21)

**THOMAS P. HINMAN DENTAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Austin Depoort ('20) & Nathan Laungani ('19)

**STUDENTS AND DONORS CELEBRATE AT SCHOLARSHIP APPRECIATION DINNER**

Congratulations are extended to each award recipient and all graduates of the Class of 2018 on behalf of the entire college community.
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